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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

TIME:

3:00pm

PLACE: Conference Room 325

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

AMENDED AGENDA

The following measure(s) has been ADDED to the agenda: HB484

<u>HB 484, HD1</u> (<u>HSCR43</u>) Status RELATING TO ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Requires PUC to establish community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs by no later than January 1, 2016, to allow more utility customers to participate in renewable energy production and use. Prohibits cost-shifting to non-participants. (HB484 HD1)

HB 265, HD1 (HSCR220) Status RELATING TO ENERGY STORAGE.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Establishes an investment-or utilization-based income tax credit for grid-connected energy storage properties installed and placed in service after December 31, 2015. Expires in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026. Appropriates funds to administer the tax

credit. (HB265 HD1)

HB 1505, HD1 (HSCR124) Status RELATING TO ENERGY.

EEP, CPC, FIN

Prohibits the Public Utilities Commission from approving power purchase agreements that prohibit the sale of renewable energy to third parties or require utility consent to sell renewable energy to third parties, to the extent that such renewable energy will be converted from electrical energy to another form of energy such as chemical or thermal energy, or to the extent that such renewable energy will be stored for later provision to an electric utility company. Requires fair compensation to be paid to an electric utility company when curtailed renewable energy is sold by an independent power producer to a third party on the electrical grid. (HB1505 HD1)

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HB 619, HD1 RELATING TO THE MERGER, ACQUISITION, AND EEP, CPC, FIN (HSCR187) CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES. Status Strongly encourages the Public Utilities Commission and Division of Consumer Advocacy to apply certain standards and criteria and hold a public hearing to determine whether to approve a merger, acquisition, or consolidation of an electric utility. (HB619 HD1) HB 1512, HD1 RELATING TO PERFORMANCE-BASED REGULATION. EEP, CPC, FIN (HSCR185) Establishes performance-based regulation of electric utility companies Status by the Public Utilities Commission. (HB1512 HD1) RELATING TO ENERGY. HB 1504, HD1 EEP, CPC, FIN Requires the Legislative Reference Bureau to study electric utilities, (HSCR184) Status including organizational models and the conversion process. Appropriates funds. (HB1504 HD1) HB 1372 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES. AGR, CPC, FIN (HSCR83) Amends the definition of "public utility" by excluding any person who provides water solely to bona fide agricultural activities. Defines bona Status fide agricultural activities. RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. HB 1051 AGR, CPC, FIN (HSCR80) Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules relating to the **Status** declaration of Hawaii origin for agricultural commodities. HB 1455, HD1 RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. HLT, CPC, JUD (HSCR232) Increases the maximum number of qualifying patients that a primary Status caregiver may care for at any given time. Requires each primary caregiver upon registration to disclose to the Department of Health the number of qualifying patients and other patient information for whom the caregiver is responsible. Limits the number of marijuana plants that can be grown for medical marijuana use to 14 plants at a single property. (HB1455 HD1) HB 580, HD1 RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF DURABLE MEDICAL HLT/HUS, CPC, EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS. (HSCR120) FIN **Status** Establishes licensure requirement for durable medical equipment suppliers participating in the nationwide competitive bidding program through the Office of Health Care Assurance. Appropriates funds from the Office of Health Care Assurance Special Fund. (HB580 HD1) HB 174, HD1 RELATING TO HEALTH. HLT, CPC, FIN (HSCR116) Requires health insurance coverage of orthodontic treatment for Status orofacial anomalies. (HB174 HD1) RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HB 576, HD1 HLT, CPC, FIN (HSCR117) INNOVATION WAIVER. Status Amends scope of the State Innovation Waiver Task Force consideration. Provides resources to develop a waiver from certain

provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Appropriates funds. (HB576 HD1)

HB 1467, HD1 (HSCR230) Status RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR.

Enables the Hawaii health connector to offer large group coverage. Requires health insurers with greater than 20 percent share of the State's small group health insurance market to offer gold and silver level qualified health plans as a condition of participation in the individual market of the Hawaii Health Connector. Ends transitional renewal policies effective 1/1/2016. Amends state small market parameters to comport with federal law. Adds notification

requirements. (HB1467 HD1)

HB 1482, HD1 (HSCR199) RELATING TO CROWDFUNDING.

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Status

Establishes a crowdfunding exemption for limited intrastate investments between Hawaii residents and Hawaii businesses, limited to no more than \$1,000,000 raised over a twelve month period, and no more than \$5,000 per investor. Includes disclaimer requirements.

Effective January 1, 2016.

<u>HB 33, HD1</u> (HSCR33)

RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT

HSG, CPC, FIN

CODE.

Status

Allows a landlord, when processing an application to rent residential property to charge an application screening fee for the actual costs of screening the applicant, plus an additional administrative fee. Requires landlords to refund any unused amount of the application screening fee and provide a copy of any report obtained via the screening process to

the applicant. (HB33 HD1)

HB 825, HD1 (HSCR72) Status RELATING TO TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS.

Establishes licensing requirements and enforcement provisions for transient vacation rentals to be administered by the department of

commerce and consumer affairs. (HB825 HD1)

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DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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